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SUBJECT: BRITISH CLARIFICATION ON CLERIDES-DENKTASH
TALKS

1. BRITISH HICOMER OLVER INVESTIGATED DENKTASH'S REASON FOR NOT MENTIONING RETURN OF 5,000 GREEK CYPRIOTS TO ATHIENOU AREA VILLAGES IN HIS MEETING WITH CLERIDES FRIDAY, JANUARY 31. HE LEARNED THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT TO CLERIDES SOME TIME AGO. CLERIDES HAD ASKED IF RETURNING REFUGEES WOULD BE ALLOWED TO WORK THEIR LAND OR CONFINED IN ENCLAVES TO THEIR VILLAGES ONLY. DENKTASH UNDERTOOK TO QUERY THE TURKISH MILITARY ON THAT, AND HE DID NOT HAVE AN ANSWER BY LAST FRIDAY. BRITISH BELIEVE THIS MATTER WILL COME UP AGAIN IN TODAY'S MEETING.

2. BRITISH NOTE THAT DENKTASH'S CLAIMS OF ALREADY HAVING PERMITTED RETURN TO ATHIENOU OF FIVE TO EIGHT THOUSAND GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE MISLEADING (E.G. PRESS ARTICLE REPORTED LONDON'S 1530). ATHIENOU TOWN IS STILL HELD BY GREEK
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CYPRIOTS. GREEKS WHO RETURNED TO IT AFTER HAVING FLED

DURING THE FIGHTING DID NOT REQUIRE TURKISH PERMISSION.

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